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S. RES. 68

Relating to impact on local governments.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PRESSLER (for Mr. BRADLEY) (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. ROBB, Mr. DOLE, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, and Mr. WELLSTONE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Relating to impact on local governments.

Whereas the Congress should be concerned about shifting costs from Federal to State and local authorities and should be equally concerned about the growing tendency of States to shift costs to local governments;

Whereas the cost shifting from States to local governments has, in many instances, forced local governments to raise property taxes or curtail sometimes essential services; and

Whereas the increases in local property taxes and cuts in essential services threaten the ability of many citizens to attain and maintain the American dream of owning a home in a safe, secure community: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

1 (1) The Federal Government should not shift
2 certain costs to the State, and States should end the
3 practice of shifting costs to local governments, which
4 forces many local governments to increase property
5 taxes;

6 (2) States should end the imposition, in the ab-
7 sence of full consideration by their legislatures, of
8 State issued mandates on local governments without
9 adequate State funding, in a manner that may dis-
10 place other essential government priorities; and

11 (3) one primary objective of this Act and other
12 efforts to change the relationship among Federal,
13 State, and local governments should be to reduce
14 taxes and spending at all levels and to end the prac-
15 tice of shifting costs from one level of government to
16 another with little or no benefit to taxpayers.

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